

Dear Sirs:

I hope this e-mail finds you in the best of health. I am a 65-year-old Japanese female and I am writing to tell you how badly I am hurt to learn about the possibility of spreading the fabricated history about Japan concerning comfort women. I strongly argue that the allegations raised by Korean people are only based on witnesses done by the so-called former comfort women, and therefore they lack primary source information.

The “Comfort Women” issue in question is nothing but a fabrication. Talking about the comfort women during the Second World War, they were merely prostitutes well paid by the Japanese Army as recorded in the official documents namely “Report 49” of the U.S. Army’s Psychological Warfare Team in 1944. They had interviews with 20 Korean comfort women, occupants of a brothel in Myitkyina, in northern Burma. The report described how the Korean comfort women participated “in sports events with both officers and men, and attended picnics, entertainments, and social dinners” . The primary source documents clearly noted that the comfort women were highly paid prostitutes. No way did the Japanese Army force Korean women to engage in sexual servitude.

Let me remind you that the Interagency Working Group’s (IWG) report on Nazi and Japanese war crimes was submitted to Congress in 2007. After spending 30 million dollars to go through over 8.5 million newly declassified documents, opened to the public under the Nazi War Crimes Disclosure Act and the Japanese Imperial Government Disclosure Act, the IWG was unable to find any evidence that gave credence to the claims of forced prostitution by the Japanese government or military.

I sincerely hope that you will not look at this issue one-sidedly based on the fabricated stories but understand the truth. Have you ever thought of Japanese children bullied at school in the United States of America due to this kind of propaganda? Our pride has been shattered tremendously. Education has to stand fair. It has to be free from any prejudice. False propaganda to degrade a certain nation has to be stopped immediately.

Your prompt action to delete this specific paragraph concerning comfort women would be highly appreciated. Thank you in anticipation for your fair understanding of this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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